Merchant Greenfield Airports

904. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has convened a meeting of industry representatives as precursor to giving final shape to a policy to promote 'Merchant Greenfield Airports' as the Merchant Greenfield Airports will be private airports built on private lands within permissible civil aviation parameters and air-traffic management regime;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the meeting held; and

(c) whether the Ministry has also stressed the need to 'revisit' the policy on airports as almost every airport expansion project is facing problems over land acquisition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The extant policy on Airport Infrastructure facilitates construction of new Greenfield airports in public or private sectors or to be taken up as a joint venture subject to obtaining technical clearance and licence from the competent authority and approval of the Central Government. To further evolve the concept and formulate a policy on Private Greenfield Airports/Merchant Airports, a meeting was held in the Ministry recently in which various stakeholders had participated. An Inter-Ministerial Group has also been constituted to suggest guidelines/licensing conditions for private Greenfield airports.

Profit/loss incurred by airports

905. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports being used for commercial purpose under Airports Authority of India;

(b) the number and details of airports earning profit and those running into loss;

(c) whether the Authority has decided not to further develop the airports running into loss; and

(d) if so, whether Birsa Munda Airport at Ranchi, Jharkhand has been included among such airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) 89

(b) 17 airports namely Delhi, Mumbai, Juhu, Pune (Civil Enclave), Chennai, Coimbatore, Bangalore (Civil Enclave), Ahmedabad, Srinagar (Civil Enclave), Kolkata, Bagdogra (Civil Enclave), Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam (Civil Enclave), Goa (Civil Enclave), Port Blair (Civil Enclave), Calicut and Trivandrum are profit making.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.